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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF APRIL 7, 2009, AGENDA ITEM 51-A REVIEW OF TRUCK RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY ROADS

Item 51-A of your Board's April 7, 2009, agenda was a motion directing Public Works to draft a comprehensive review of truck bans implemented on County roads. Included in the motion is a requirement to report back to your Board prior to the end of the temporary truck ban imposed by Caltrans on State Route (SR) 2.

We have completed a preliminary review, identifying County roads where truck weight restrictions have previously been implemented. The roads we reviewed include, but are not limited to, Angeles Forest Highway, Big Pines Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road, and Kanan Road. On April 9, 2009, we amended signage at the Angeles Forest Highway and Sierra Highway intersection regarding the commercial vehicle prohibition that has been in effect for Angeles Forest Highway.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1361 is currently being considered by the State Legislature. As currently written, this bill would ban commercial vehicles with three or more axles, or weighing more than 9,000 pounds, from using any portion of SR-2 from the Interstate 210 Freeway to Big Pines Highway. AB 1361 includes a limited number of specific exemptions to the prohibition. We are continuing to monitor the progress of this bill, since it will likely influence the type of restriction and associated exemptions, we have previously put in place on Angeles Forest Highway. In the interim, Caltrans has announced that their temporary ban of trucks on a shorter reach of SR-2 has been extended for an additional 30 days (see attached).

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We will report back to your Board again in 90 days on our progress, as well as the status of AB 1361. If you have any questions, you may contact me, or your staff may call Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS EXTENDS TRUCK RESTRICTION ON ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Director Will Kempton, under the authority of Streets and Highways Code 124, has extended the five-axle truck restriction on Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) from the Foothill Freeway (I-210) to Angeles Forest Highway for an additional 30 days.

The 30-day restriction takes effect July 7, 2009, and expires August 6, 2009. The order extends a 90-day restriction implemented April 6, 2009, that expires July 6, 2009.

"To ensure the safety of the motoring public and in light of the recent safety enhancements and concurrent legislative action, I will continue the prohibition on five-axle trucks," Kempton said. "We look forward to a long-term legislative solution that will address the concerns of all stakeholders."

AB 1361, which would permanently restrict certain trucks on SR-2 from I-210 to Big Pines Highway, is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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